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The District's Welcome.

Better than all the courts of honor, military parades, and speeches of welcome that could have been provided, the unusual greeting extended to the President Saturday evening revealed the affection felt for him personally by the people of Washington individually. There was, indeed, no welcome at all save that of the people. There was no complimentary speech save that in which every man, woman and child had an equal say. Yet the President gave every sign, as he might have been expected to do, that this simple greeting pleased him more than all the ceremonies which could have been invented.

Washington knows Theodore Roosevelt as one of her citizens who has served her with the greatest value. It was he who gave practical form and popular impetus to the cause of civil service. He has stood on the broad side of every proposition for the future development of the Capital. While President he has served the District exceptionally in a dozen messages and put the vast weight of his office on its side whenever its interests seemed to be threatened from any direction.

Among the thousands who cheered him as he rode by Saturday evening, therefore, nearly every one was his debtor. Half of them owed the stability of their incomes, directly or indirectly, to him. And the whole body, as it waited his arrival, would have found itself under obligation to him had it considered—as many, no doubt, did consider—the President's active espousal of the movement in behalf of local playgrounds, his energetic support of the park commission plans, and his steady co-operation with the District authorities by means of careful selections for District offices and otherwise.

This personal interest it was, in part, which brought so many to Pennsylvania avenue at their regular dinner hour. The same interest also intensified their pleasure in the President's success throughout the peace negotiations. For, while with all the citizens of the United States, they rejoiced in the added prestige their country had obtained through his courage and initiative, they had special cause to be glad, and no doubt many of them realized it.

The Prettiest Girl.

The morning's mail brought us yesterday this letter, typewritten on stationery of the sort much used by young ladies:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29th, 1905.
Dear Sir:
"The Boys" had quite a discussion at the Club last night as to "who is the prettiest girl in Washington?" Because of the great popularity of your paper, "THE TIMES," they appeal to you for a decision.

Will you try and solve the question for us?

Very sincerely,
ONE OF THE BOYS.

The communication traveled the rounds of the whole office, and no two of our workmen could agree on the answer. Finally it reached this page with various observations, the chief of them being that no boy who would ask such a question deserved an answer, and that if the question were answered truthfully all the boys in the city would be dissatisfied but one.

We do not pretend we can choose out the prettiest girl in Washington by name. But we think we can suggest a means by which the members of this boys' club can choose her out, each boy for himself, and any other boy, young or old, tousle headed or gray haired, who reads this column.

First, let him make sure of his standards. Does he mean merely a composition of a fine gown, "smart" shoes, a dashing hat, and a sweet face? Hardly. He probably realizes as well as we do that the clothes and hat and shoes are only a frame, an accidental sort of a frame. For almost any woman could get them if she only had the money, and having the money, we think, depends largely on the accident of being daughter, or sister, or wife to this man and not to that. And a rounded cheek, with a straight nose, lustrous eyes, and rippling hair—these things can be found everywhere today and tomorrow they will all have lost their charm. We do not think we could satisfy anybody if we chose the prettiest girl in Washington by those standards.

But beauty is yet a thing that one can see. It is not a knowledge of something inside at all, it is essentially a matter of appearance when we talk of the prettiest girl in Washington. So it is that both countenance and garb must be reckoned in

our problem. We should say it was a requisite that the clothes be the best a girl can have without spending on them money which ought to go somewhere else. That makes them all equal. Every one of them knows, deep in her heart, her own measure by that scale, and most of her boy friends will know it too. Her face must be lovely to the eye, of course. But a fine nose, soft eyes, waving hair, and a clear complexion are not the only factors which can make it so. They may, in fact, be altogether outweighed. The most beautiful eyes nature ever made could not light a woman's face with beauty if they did not glow with kindness, and the most perfect complexion any girl ever possessed would not have charm if its smoothness were not lined with self-forgetfulness, and love—yes, and suffering.

These standards will give every boy who took part in this discussion a chance to claim the prettiest girl in Washington as his own. If his perception is clear and he is not too old, he will probably find her at home—not a young girl at all, but a woman whose voice has a curious undercurrent of love in it, whose shoulders are a little bent with too much housework, whose labors are all for others and none for herself, whose arm shuts out all the world from seeing when something hangs heavily in his breast and makes him ashamed. If he is too old for that and has young boys of his own, he will probably find this prettiest girl at home also, but she will be younger and her eyes will shine with dependence rather than watchfulness, and trust rather than hope. If it should be that the boy, youthful or sedate, has no such pretty girl in his home, why he has lost her and must rely upon his memory to tell him accurately how she looked.

One of these or the other must be the prettiest girl to every man, and, strange as it sounds, some men have both. Yet there is never any agreement on the subject. Every man holds his own election and the vote is unanimous for his candidate. Even in his own home he finds his judgment contradicted, for the one woman has a fashion of being almost frightened at the first words of a compliment, and the other would probably turn round in her chair and pat a head covered with curls as much as to say, "This, I think, is the prettiest girl in all the world."

Here, then, is the way to find her. She exists for every one of us. And when we have found her it is the least we can do to care for her and shelter her and live to be worthy of her; for it is a great distinction to have the prettiest girl in Washington in your own home.

The Biblical Speaker.

Your Uncle Joe, the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is famous for his pious expression, his sweet smile, and his Biblical language. His smile of look is so pronounced that he might pass for any grade of ecclesiastical dignitary; his smile is of the variety that is said not to come off, croak, or fade; and his choice of Biblical language is not only forcible but extensive—indeed he is reputed to have discharged all the strong terms from Genesis to Revelations within thirty seconds. In the use of Bible phraseology he holds the record and is something of a big gun with a wide bore.

Saturday, according to the press dispatches, Uncle Joe was in full action, talking to Colonel Taggart and Captain Bailey, presumably about the tariff. He was in earnest and emphasized his remarks by pious ejaculations and sacred gestures. He was naturally mistaken for a Methodist preacher by a youth with love in his heart and a marriage license in his pocket.

The mistake of the young man was very natural; he wished to be married; he saw a man of clerical appearance using Biblical language in the apparent effort to convert sinners to repentance; he heard the dreadful threats of future condemnation and the gentle call to a better life; he needed a minister to marry him to the girl of his heart; and he asked Uncle Joe to officiate. Are you surprised? Uncle Joe wasn't.

The President bears up well under Colonel Bryan's advice.

Has the United States more sanitary work to do in Cuba?

Mr. Loomis is now qualified to express still more confidence in the judgment of his superiors.

The preachers having come home from the seashore and mountains, the city now waits only on Congress.

Hungary is described as ripe for revolution. Germany is said to be all ready for the picking.

Mr. Jerome is being pictured by friendly newspapers as Daniel in the Lion's Den, but to outside eyes he looks more like Ahab than the furnace.

Neighbor Roosevelt is home again after summering in the North, where he transacted important business.

There are signs that the machine opposition to Mayor Weaver will be satisfied to convict him of having once kept bad company.

There was a man named William. Who used to think "God's will I am. If the Frenchmen don't bow To the wish I avow, With hot air, Sirocco, I'll tan old Morocco, And show them how quick to kill I am."

IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY
SOCIETY FLOCKS TO LIVELY LENOX

Only Resort Yet Open Draws All Fashionables.

WILL GO TO BELMONT NEXT

Fair Ones to Attend First of Races to Show Frocks Brought From Paris This Summer.

Since the close of the season at other resorts, Lenox has almost daily grown gayer until now it is at the very climax of its year. Outdoor sports, teas, luncheons, dinner parties, at homes, and other forms of entertainment, all of them with a delightfully informal air, fill in both day and night with only a few sleeping hours. Some of the sprightliest affairs of the last few months are yet to take place before the close of the season more than a fortnight hence.

Mrs. George Westinghouse gives the second of her fall "at homes" at Erskine Park today. She will continue them to the close of her Lenox estate late in the fall. Mr. Westinghouse and his guest, David Wilson, president of the Delaware and Hudson railway, went to New York last evening.

The Right Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee will preach in the American Church in Rome, next Sunday.

Representative Edward DeV. Morrill, of Pennsylvania, who has been a guest recently of Mrs. John G. Johnson of New York, at her Lenox estate, has gone to Newport to close his summer home, and will join Mrs. Morrill at their Pittsburg home within a few days.

Count Della Gherardesca, formerly attaché of the Italian embassy here, dined with Principi Colonna, of Rome, in the Louis XVI restaurant of the National Hotel, in Lucerne, a few days ago.

Mrs. Sage Generous.

Mrs. Russell Sage has joined the ranks of the generous. She has just presented \$75,000 to the building of a handsome and thoroughly equipped public school at Sag Harbor, L. I., where she lived as a girl, and where she maintains her ancestral estate as a summer home.

Belmont Park's fall racing season opens today, and New York society will be largely represented in the club enclosure and on the lawn. The gathering promises to be brilliant. Nearly every woman with any pretensions to smartness and fashion makes a point of visiting the French metropolis once a year, for the sake of replenishing her wardrobe and in order to make herself acquainted with all the latest features and fancies of feminine model. The opening of the fall racing season, therefore, at Morris Park and now at Belmont Park, affords them the first opportunity after their return to display their happy combinations of American taste with Parisian elegance.

In Motors and Coaches.

Most of the fashionables will go out early to be in time for luncheon at the Turf Club—the old Mannekin homestead—before the racing begins. Many will make the trip by motor and others by coach. A number of coaching parties have been organized for the occasion. Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Robert L. Gerry have put the Venture once more on the road for trips between the White House and Belmont Park on every racing day.

Mrs. George W. Childs, who always says a mid-winter visit to Washington, is now at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Klinehouse will be absent from the city about two weeks, leaving Sunday night for Cincinnati, Ohio, to attend the fourteenth annual convention of the Railway Mail Association. Mr. Klinehouse being the delegate of the third division, Railway Mail Service. The convention will be called to order tomorrow.

The regular meeting of the Washingtonians was held last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Leese, 40 S street northwest. A number of piano selections were given during the evening by F. Myers, and several graphophone selections added to the pleasure of those present. Later a flashlight picture of the club was taken, after which refreshments were served.

The club then adjourned, to meet again this evening at the home of Miss Sadie Breslin, 701 Sixth street northwest. Those present were: Misses K. Slater, A. Luskey, E. Appleby, E. Harding, A. Kahler, J. Ireland, M. O'Donnell, S. W. Harvey, H. White, C. N. Phelps, and F. Myers.

A delightful time was spent last night when Miss Savina Goldsmith, of R street, was tendered a surprise party by her friends. Clever games and music were the features of the evening, after which a supper was served. Among those present were Misses Carol Baer, Josie Sternberger, Julia Loeb, of Chicago; Sophie Schloss, of Roanoke, and Blanche Stern, and Moe Baer, Sam Sternberger, Jonas Machellis, Milton Baer, Maurice Shushelmer, Ben Mollberg, and Harold Levi.

Mrs. M. Cook, of West Washington, has invitations out for a masque ball next month.

Mrs. Levi, of Sumner, N. C., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cohen.

Edward Howett is in Baltimore visiting friends.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry C. Douglass, 23, and Bessie W. Orchard, 18.

Samuel Daniels, 25, and Lena Harris, 24.

William Skilman, 62, and Elizabeth Burroughs, 55.
B. Frank W. Thorpe, 47, and Mary A. S. Mayo, 25, both of Augusta, Me.
Edward T. Williams, 25, and Rachel A. Lee, 20.
Roy Lucas, 21, and Bertie M. Cook, 18, both of Loudoun, Va.
George C. Kegley, 27, Bristol, Tenn., and Lottie M. Young, 18, District of Columbia.
James C. Pettit, 21, and Kittie M. Snyder, 23, both of Petersburg, Va.
Robert M. Robinson, 24, and Lottie M. Hayland, 20.
David C. Moore, 24, and Beneva C. Herbert, 23.
Peter Wetzler, 37, and Marie L. Stewart, 35.
George Hall, 22, and Blanche Welcher, 20, both of Walker's Creek, Va.
Charles C. Peyton, 38, and Margaret Ball, 22.



MRS. VICTOR METCALF,
Wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Has Returned to Washington, and Will Contribute More Than Almost Any Other Official Woman to the Pleasures of Washington Society.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR
ROOSEVELT'S GUEST

M. Jusserand, With Mme. Jusserand, Had Dinner With the President at the White House Last Evening. There Were Several Others in Attendance.

M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, and Mme. Jusserand had dinner with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House last evening. There were several other guests.

Secretary of State Elihu Root and Mrs. Root arrived at the New Willard Saturday evening.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, daughter of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, will again be a student at the Cathedral Close School, where, without any preference shown her because of official position, she ranks as one of the brightest girls of the institution. She is a roll of honor pupil, and has taken several prizes and medals.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt is a blonde, girlishly, almost childishly, buxom, daintily and sensibly, and is exceedingly attractive.

Mr. De Thal, second secretary of the Russian embassy, has been temporarily transferred to Mexico as charge d'affaires of the Russian legation there. Prince Kudacheff, who was with Baron Rosen at Tokyo, has been attached to the Washington embassy.

An engagement just announced that is of particular interest to Washingtonians, is that of Miss Ethel Dallas Horstmann, sister of Mrs. John Bolt, to Sidney Small, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolt, with Miss Horstmann, have just returned from a trip around the world.

The wedding is to take place some time in the early part of December, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bolt will give up the Horstmann residence on Rhode Island avenue, and take an apartment for the remainder of the season.

A very pretty wedding of this evening will be that of Miss Olive Van Patten Dodge and Lieut. Thomas C. Musgrave, U. S. A., which will be performed by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Parson, at the home of the bride.

Miss Paulina Stevenson will be bridesmaid, and the ribbon girls will be Miss Dorothy Dodge, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Gladys Ord. Lieut. Henry Kilbourne, Artillery Corps, will be best man. The bride will be given away by her father, Philip T. Dodge.

The wedding march will be played by Mrs. Otto T. Simon. A reception will be given to a small party of friends. Among those who will be present are Major James C. Ord, U. S. A., retired; Lieut. George H. Tyrell, Artillery Corps, and Lieut. Stoval Kaiser, United States Marine Corps.

The young couple will spend a short honeymoon in New York city, and will leave there on the 6th inst., for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the station of Lieutenant Musgrave's regiment.

Miss Dodge is the daughter of Philip T. Dodge, president of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company.

Lieutenant Musgrave was appointed a second lieutenant from civil life in February, 1903. He was assigned to the Eighteenth Infantry, and has served most of his time since then in the Philippines. He returned from the Orient in February and took station with his regiment at his present post, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Estelle Warwick to George A. Browne, October 18, at the German Lutheran Church, Wisconsin avenue and Volta place, Georgetown.

The following Washington people are registered in New York today:
C. W. Ashford, C. N. Bennett, C. Brown, A. H. Colver, M. E. Davis, H. E. Devendorf, E. R. Devereux, G. A. Dickinson, L. S. Dolan, J. W. Dunne, W. Fowler, H. P. Griesley, H. J. Hammond, Mrs. W. E. Handy, J. H. Hallen, C. B. Herington, W. E. Hutton, Dr. F. Pratt, W. Johns, E. E. Johnson, H. M. Kellinger, Miss Lator, C. P. McShane, E. P. Mertz, H. P. Minkelman, T. J. Newton, J. O'Connor, P. Pearson, Miss A. Reiger, A. Ruessner, L. J. Stafford, D. G. Stuart, J. Walder, J. B. Wallace, A. L. Wilkins, P. Winlock, Mrs. A. B. Winkler, C. M. Anderson, G. R. G. Brown, G. J. Bryant, Miss M. M. Crain, J. B. Daitch, C. C. Davidson, Mrs. Dorman, J. D. Frazer, Miss M. M. Hanna, Mrs. C. B. Henry, C. B. Morgan, Mrs. U. N. Morrison, F. D. Mullan, J. R. Richards, S. C. Robb.

At the wedding next Wednesday of Miss Antoinette Eberly and Harry K.

Incoming Politicians
Have Trys at Prophecy

Representative Thomas Predicts Tariff and Private Car Legislation—McClellan Has Clear Field.

"Something must be done in the way of tariff revision this winter or Congress must enact reciprocity legislation if we are to keep our trade," said Representative C. R. Thomas, of North Carolina, at the Riggs House today to a Times reporter.

"The people with whom we do business on the other side," he continued, "are getting restless, and unless we give them a little reciprocity they will retaliate against us. The tariff question will not go down, and it is sure to come up in one form or another early in the session."

"Another question that will demand attention of Congress will be a measure to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. I will again introduce my bill, and press it before the committee, to give authority to the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the private refrigerator car system. This is an evil as now conducted, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, it is charged, is powerless to correct the abuse."

Representative Thomas has spent the summer quietly at home, making a few speeches in North Carolina. He delivered the annual address at the University of North Carolina. The commencement oration was by Representative Boutwell, of Illinois.

The Representative from the Tar Heel State is here looking after some river and harbor matters, and also some business before the Postoffice Department of interest to his constituents. He will be here several days.

Commerce Committee Called.

Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, after two days' stay at the Shoreham Hotel, left yesterday for New York. Just before leaving the Senator said he had issued a call for a committee of report his committee would make as a result of its investigation, was a smile.

"I can't say anything for publication just now," said Senator Elkins.

Senator Elkins is known as one of the conservative members of the Interstate Commerce Committee and is opposed to the proposition to extend the jurisdiction and scope of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is known that there is almost a radical difference of opinion among the members of Senator Elkins' committee, and the difference is of such a character that it is almost certain that two bills will emanate from that committee, and one of them may be drawn by Senator Foraker.

It is not improbable that the Senate will start the railroad rate legislation ball rolling first with the view of passing its measure just about the time the House is ready to vote on a similar bill to be reported from its committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Such a proceeding would, in all probability, result in throwing the Senate and House bills into conference and then from the conference would come a compromise embodying the features of the President's policy touching the regulation of the railroads.

McClellan Dead Certainty.

"It will be a walk-over for Tammany," McClellan will be re-elected mayor by a

larger vote than he received two years ago," said Col. R. M. Johnston, of Houston, Tex., who has been over in New York for the last few weeks. Colonel Johnston is at the Raleigh. He will return to New York to-day.

"While in the big city," said the colonel, last night, "I met the men who run the campaign, and they told me that the opposition to Tammany could not agree, which means that it is all over but the shouting. The only thing in doubt is the district attorneyship. It is by no means certain that District Attorney Jerome will succeed himself. Jerome has made something of a reputation by going after the small gamblers, but if he would do something big, something that would prove a ten-strike, let him get after the insurance gang."

Wants Roosevelt Again.

"President Roosevelt is the people's ideal of a President, and because he is such the people will want him to run again," said Hon. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committeeman and State chairman, of Texas, at the Raleigh yesterday.

"What constitutes a third term is, in my judgment, the last from three successive elections for the office of President, so you see it would not be a third term in this instance. President Roosevelt is sincere in his declaration that he will not again be a candidate, but the people will insist, and it's the people who govern. Texas is for Roosevelt, and so is the whole country. I believe if State convention delegates would be elected. That's just how popular the President is with the people."

Mr. Lyon is a native of Georgia, but has lived most of his life in Texas. He says the Republican party is growing in the South and gaining adherents every day.

Morgan and Pettus to Return.

"Alabama will return Senators Morgan and Pettus to the United States Senate. They will have no opposition." So said Maj. Thomas M. Garrett, secretary to Senator John M. Morgan, at the New Willard last evening. Major Garrett is Senator Morgan's confidential secretary.

"Almost every day," said the major, the Senator receives letters from every section of the State assuring him of the loyal support of the people. The legislators will be elected next year, and in January 1907, Senator Morgan and Senator Pettus will each be elected for another term. Senator Morgan's term expires March 4, 1907, which will complete a continuous service of thirty years in the United States Senate. Senator Pettus' term does not expire until 1908. But as our legislators meet but every four years the two Senators will be chosen at the same time.

"Senator Morgan has spent the summer at Bailey's Springs, near Phenix Ala., and he writes me that he has put in fifteen hours a day working. He says that it agreed with him, that he is enjoying good health and a good appetite."

Major Garrett attends all departmental work for the Senator except the State Department, which receives the personal attention of the Senator. At the departmental work Major Garrett is greeted with the courtesy shown a Senator and every consideration is extended him as the personal representative of Alabama's distinguished Senator.

AIR CASTLES

CHARLIE LET'S GO SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE. IT WOULD BE SO NICE FOR THE CHILDREN, AND THEY SAY IT WON'T COST ANY MORE THAN THE RENT WE ARE PAYING NOW.

OWN YOUR OWN HOME!
50 CENTS DOWN AND TEN CENTS A MONTH UNTIL PAID FOR.
ALL INTERESTS

IT'S OURS MARY. ALL OURS.

HOW LOVELY!

SIX MONTHS LATER THE HOUSE SETTLES SO YOU CAN'T GET A DOOR OPEN OR SHUT!

CELLAR FULL OF WATER!

THE FIRST HARD RAIN STORM THE ROOF LEAKS LIKE A SIEVE.

EQUITY IN THIS HOUSE FOR SALE AT YOUR OWN PRICE.